

Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 5(a) of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Act (36 U.S.C. 101 note), the Republican Leader re-appointed Mr. LAHOOD of Illinois to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 5(a) of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Act (36 U.S.C. 101 note), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.

The message also announced that pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 501(b), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards: Mr. CAPUANO of Massachusetts, Chairman; Mr. SHERMAN of California; Mr. DAVIS of Alabama; Mr. EHLERS of Michigan; Mr. PRICE of Georgia; and Mr. MCCARTHY of California.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2638. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2642. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1639. A bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2292. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules Relating to Permissible Uses of Official Seal" (72 FR 29246) received on June 13, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2293. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Activities and Programs for Countering Proliferation and NBC Terrorism"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2294. A communication from the Acting Deputy, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to

law, notification of the Navy's decision to conduct a public-private competition for the emergency dispatch management support services at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California and Naval Support Activity in Culter, Maine; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2295. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's inventory of non-inherently governmental activities during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2296. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to General Order No. 3: Expansion of the General Order and Addition of Certain Persons" (RIN0694-AD99) received on June 14, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2297. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2298. A communication from the Interim President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2006 Statement on System of Internal Controls of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2299. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Annual Report for calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2300. A communication from the Under Secretary (Industry and Security), Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's intent to impose new foreign-policy based export controls; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2301. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Panama including the sale of six Boeing 737-800 passenger aircraft; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2302. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Temporary Rule; Inseason Retention Limit Adjustment" (RIN0648-XA57) received on June 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2303. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule to Extend Interim Measures to Reduce Overfishing of Atlantic Sea Scallops in the 2007 Fishing Year by Modifying the Elephant Trunk Access Area Management Measures" (RIN0648-AV05) received on June 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2304. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Reporting Requirements and Conservation Measures; Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-AU72) received on June 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2305. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of the 2007 Gulf of Mexico Deep-Water Grouper Fishery" (RIN0648-XA46) received on June 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2306. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 506 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003—Limitation on Charges for Services Furnished by Medicare Participating Inpatient Hospitals to Individuals Eligible for Care Purchased by Indian Health Programs" (RIN0917-AA02) received on June 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2307. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice: Guidance to Clarify the Treatment of Certain Distributions Under IRC Section (897)(h)(1)" (Notice 2007-55) received on June 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2308. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification and Modification of Rev. Proc. 2005-66" (Notice 2007-44) received on June 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2309. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, the report of a draft bill that intends to modernize the Treasury Tax and Loan statute; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment and with a preamble:

S.J. Res. 4. A joint resolution to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States (Rept. No. 110-83).

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1644. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-84).

By Mr. REED, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1645. An original bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-85).

By Mr. LEVIN, from the Committee on Armed Services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1606. A bill to provide for the establishment of a comprehensive policy on the care and management of wounded warriors in order to facilitate and enhance their care, rehabilitation, physical evaluation, transition

from care by the Department of Defense to care by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and transition from military service to civilian life, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 1639. A bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1640. A bill to amend chapter 13 of title 17, United States Code (relating to the vessel hull design protection), to clarify the definitions of a hull and a deck; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1641. A bill to amend Public Law 87-383 to reauthorize appropriations to promote the conservation of migratory waterfowl and to offset or prevent the serious loss of important wetland and other waterfowl habitat essential to the preservation of migratory waterfowl, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DODD, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. REED, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1642. A bill to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 1643. A bill to establish the Reclamation Water Settlements Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BYRD:

S. 1644. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. REED:

S. 1645. An original bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 1646. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make cost-share and incentive payments for innovative fuels management conservation practices, including prescribed grazing management on private grazing land and practices that complement commensurate public land, to prevent the occurrence and spread of, and damages caused by, wildfires fueled by invasive species; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. Res. 237. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a National Day of Re-

membrance for Murder Victims; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 238. A resolution amending Senate Resolution 458 (98th Congress) to allow the Secretary of the Senate to adjust the salaries of employees who are placed on the payroll of the Senate, under the direction of the Secretary, as a result of the death or resignation of a Senator; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. Con. Res. 38. A concurrent resolution recognizing that the plight of Kashmiri Pandits has been an ongoing concern since 1989 and that their physical, political, and economic security should be safeguarded by the Government of the Republic of India and the state government of Jammu and Kashmir; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 83

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 83, a bill to provide increased rail transportation security.

S. 161

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 161, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 442

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 442, a bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 557

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the depreciation classification of motorsports entertainment complexes.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, a bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 593

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 593, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program to provide supportive services in permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 625

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 625, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 721

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 721, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 777

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 777, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.